[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

Financial Aid to Industries.

341. MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Department of Industries has rendered, since 1096, any financial aid, either by way of grant or loan, to any person or institution that carries on any business, and, if so, the names of the persons or institutions to whom, and the nature of the industries for which, such aid has been given; and

(*b*) the amount paid to each person or institution each year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Since 1096 the department has rendered no financial aid either by way of grant or loan to any person or institution that carries on any business.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

First Grade Vacancies in the Education Department.

342. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of vacancies in the first grade in the Education Department (i) at the time of the revision of salaries in the department in 1098, and (ii) at present.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(i) The number of vacancies in the first grade in the Education Department at the time of the revision of salaries was six, of which five were permanent and one temporary.

(ii) The number of vacancies in the first grade in the Education Department at present is 17, of which 11 are permanent and 6 temporary.

Promotions to the First Grade in the Education Department.

343. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state why the vacancies in the first grade are allowed to remain unfilled for the past one and a half years?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to fill all these vacancies as early as practicable as also temporary vacancies as they occur in the department as in other departments?

(*c*) Had the late Director made any recommendation to the Government with regard to the filling of these vacancies and what action have the Government taken thereon?

(*d*) In the list submitted by the Director, have the names of most of the M. A., L. T.'s in the second grade, been included irrespective of their pay and service?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The matter is under correspondence with the Director of Public Instruction.

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